



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

VIA FACSIMILE to 212-422-4726 and U.S. Mail

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Edward Little
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RE: MUR 5657
Douglas Lake

Dear Mr. Little:

By letter dated November 21, 2005, your client, Douglas Lake, was notified that the Federal Election Commission found probable cause to believe that Mr. Lake violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). After considering the circumstances of the matter, including the recent criminal sentence and penalties imposed upon your client, the Commission determined on June 6, 2006 to take no further action as to Mr. Lake, and closed its file in this matter.

The Commission nevertheless admonishes Mr. Lake for consenting, as a corporate officer, to the facilitation of federal political contributions by Westar Energy, Inc. in violation of the Act and Commission regulations. The evidence obtained during the investigation indicates that Mr. Lake participated in a plan to collect individual contributions from Westar executives and deliver them to federal candidate committees. This plan ultimately resulted in the corporate facilitation of \$39,000 to federal candidate committees between 2000 and 2002 in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f).

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1548.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elena Paoli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elena" and the last name "Paoli" clearly distinguishable.

Elena Paoli
Attorney

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